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Federal Communications Commission
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From: LITTLEPVB@aol.com
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 10:01 PM
To: Monica Desai
Cc: cunderhill3@msn.com
Subject: Closed Captioning

My sister-in-law relies on closed captioning when she watches tv. Eliminating this service will make it difficult, if not impossible, to watch the news, understand emergency broadcasts, and just enjoy tv for sheer entertainment.

Please reconsider this decision.

Barbara Underhill
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary**Kenneth L. Hill****From:** skaga18@aol.com**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2006 8:21 PM**To:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai**Subject:** Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

I protest the FCC approval of almost 300 requests for new programs to be shown without closed captions.

The FCC weakened the closed captioning rules, and appears to have created new standards and new rules for permitting programs to be televised without closed captions. I believe the FCC violated the closed captioning rules.

People who are deaf or hard of hearing want access to televised information and entertainment, just like everyone else.

Closed captioning is an essential part of any televised program. Captioning is not too difficult or too expensive.

I cannot watch television programs that are not captioned. In addition, my son who is hard of hearing cannot watch and learn from programs that are not captioned.

Please reconsider these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.

Elizabeth Vans Evers

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From: ALBERTA VALKONEN [albertaval@msn.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2006 9:16 PM

To: Monica Desai

Subject: closed caption decision!!

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"In Re DA-06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Dear CGB Chief Monica DeSai;

I protest the recent orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. I am outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "It costs too much" can now use. Please please reconsider immediately! We who are hard of hearing need our closed captioning! How sad that a religious "Ministry" would petition for this .

Alberta D Valkonen

5102 Galley Rd. 202A

Colorado Springs CO 80915

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Kenneth L. Hill

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From: BaByLizZ513 [lizzyleo05@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2006 1:13 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Closed Captioning Issued

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In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Dear FCC Chairman, I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. We are outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!
Elizabeth Vazquez
1087 North Street Rochester, NY 14621

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From: Michael VanSlooten [mvs7149@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2006 12:22 AM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

September 22, 2006
FCC Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Monica Desai

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Closed captioning is an essential part of any televised program. Captioning is not too difficult or too expensive.

I cannot watch television programs that are not captioned.

Please reconsider these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.

Sincerely,

*Michael VanSlooten
43 Totten St
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Hempstead, NY 11550-6042*

Kenneth L. Hill

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From: Dominic Vera [domvera@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 9:42 AM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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September 25, 2006

FCC Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Monica Desai

Dear Monica Desai,

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I cannot watch television programs that are not captioned.

Please reconsider these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.

Sincerely,

*Dominic Vera
3305 Cheverly Ave
Cheverly, MD 20785-1238*

Kenneth L. Hill

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From: Lorraine Van Horne [lvanhorn@nycap.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2006 11:56 AM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Dear FCC Chairman,

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Lorraine Van Horne
31 Skaarland Drive
Burnt Hills, NY 12027

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From: Monica Desai
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2006 10:04 AM
To: Pam Gregory
Subject: FW: FCC ruling

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-----Original Message-----

From: Marilyn Voorhies [mailto:lynny@downeast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2006 3:46 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: FCC ruling

Dear Ms. Desai,

How in good conscience could the FCC do this reprehensible thing? This has made me feel an outrage I rarely experience and is a tremendous disservice to those of us who are partially disabled because of our hearing loss. Please reverse this terrible decision and do what is right for those of us who have to rely on closed captioning in order to understand the spoken word through print!!

I await your response.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Voorhies
 38 Clark Point Rd.
 West Tremont, ME 04612

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From: Judy Vinegar [jvinegar@myranch.com]
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2006 7:32 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Captions
In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Dear Monica DeSai,

I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB.

I have a hearing loss and can't understand TV without captions. Why not allow builders to decide not to put in ramps for wheelchairs if they say they "can't afford it." Of course you can see the unfairness of this request. It automatically shuts out people who can't climb steps. The same is true for captioning. By saying that it's OK not to caption, we're immediately denied access to information that others can access. There are 30 million people with hearing loss in this country. And we say this is NOT fair!

Judy Vinegar

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From: Janet VANGILDER [jansvan@verizon.net]

Sent: Monday, September 18, 2006 10:39 PM

To: Monica Desai

Subject: Closed caption.....

Dear Monica<

PLEASE don't allow anyone to be exempt from captioning their shows on TV.
I have a profound hearing loss and captioning is what makes my life worth living.
When one can NOT hear and I haven't heard for 51 years, one is lost.
I rely on my TV for news and entertainment.

Sincerely yours,
Janet S. Van Gilder
169 North Street
P.O.Box 216
Millheim PA 16854

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From: Judy Viera [jviera@missionconsulting.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2006 12:24 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Closed captioning exemptions

Ms. Desai: As a member of the FCC's Consumer Advisory Committee, I am shocked by the sudden and surreptitious unilateral decision to grant exemptions to religious organizations from captioning their programs. You are creating new regulations without a public process. What were you thinking???

This is a complete reversal of the FCC's historical and meritorious stance in enforcing captioning requirements. Every single program has had plenty of time to incorporate them in their plans and budget.

As a person who is totally deaf I need and expect full access to television programming - not only for myself but to monitor the viewing experiences of my children and grandchildren. The FCC should be ashamed, owes an apology to the consumers it normally has served well, and needs to immediately reverse itself.

Judith Viera, Principal Consultant
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From: Margreta von Pein [mvp9@verizon.net]
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2006 3:32 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: closer captioning waiver of rule

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Dear Commissioner Desai,

I protest the recent waiver granted to religious organizations for now and forever providing closed captioning.

This waiver granting is in violation of long standing FCC rules granting public input on changes in rules.

This waiver responds to the organizations making the request, while the public who is affected by the rule is not consulted. This is not providing a public service which is the FCCs reason for being.

Thirdly, the waiver of closed captioning without a hearing disenfranchises deaf and hard of hearing people. Which group is next?

Please take a stand against this rule and rescind the waiver and publish invitations for comment.

Margreta von Pein
Claverack, NY 12513

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Kenneth L. Hill

From: Christopher Wagner [cwagner@fadcentral.org]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2006 12:22 AM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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September 21, 2006
Monica Desai

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I cannot watch television programs that are not captioned.

Please reconsider these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.

Sincerely,

Christopher Wagner
518 49th St E
Bradenton, FL 34208-5838

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From: Joanne Williams [Jobert84@earthlink.net]
Sent: Sunday, October 08, 2006 5:22 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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October 8, 2006
FCC Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Monica Desai

Dear Monica Desai,

I protest the FCC approval of almost 300 requests for new programs to be shown without closed captions.

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Sincerely,

Joanne Williams
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From: Deb Wallert [Deb.Wallert@swsc.org]

Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2006 8:54 AM

To: Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Monica Desai

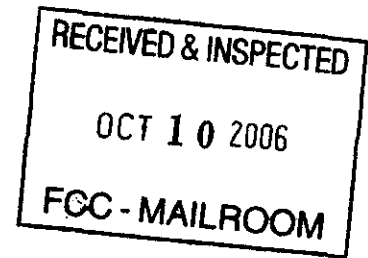
Subject: closed captioning

I am writing to ask you to not grant exemptions to the captioning rules. I work with Deaf and Hard of Hearing students. They need captioning in order to receive a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE). If programs and movies are not captioned, the teachers are not allowed to show them to the class. By reducing the number of captioned programs/films, you are putting my students in the uncomfortable position of being the reason the class can't watch something. They have enough trouble being included as it is. Right now the biggest problem is CNN student news which used to be captioned but isn't anymore. That was used every morning in all of the Social Studies classes and now my schools can't show it to anyone.

Deborah E Wallert
Teacher of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing
deb.wallert@swsc.org

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Brittany Walters
Ashley Ernst
26900 SE 15th Street
Camas, Washington 98607

September 27, 2006

To Whom It My Concern:

We are 3rd and 4th year American Sign Language students writing to you about an issue that is very serious and concerning. We both received an email that said there are two requests that have given permission to cancel the closed captioning requirement. As American Sign Language students we have the privilege to interact with the Deaf and hard of hearing. We understand the importance of the captioning system and how helpful it is for them. It is vital that the Deaf receive the same information that hearing people have access to, especially regarding news and current events. If there was ever to be an emergency it would be necessary for them to know and understand the situation. Without closed captioning they wouldn't have that knowledge, and wouldn't be able to help themselves in dangerous circumstances. The requirement for close captioning has been in place since 1996. It has been very beneficial to the community as a whole. Everyone has the right to share in the same knowledge and information. No one has the right to restrict anyone, hearing or not, from information. Deaf people need captioning, and if one person is exempt from the captioning requirements, soon everyone will become exempt.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brittany Walters".

Brittany Walters
4th Year ASL Student

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ashley Ernst".

Ashley Ernst
3rd Year ASL Student

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From: MARY WHALEN [marywhalen@optonline.net]

Sent: Saturday, September 30, 2006 7:19 PM

To: Monica Desai

Subject: Closed captioning

"In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Mary Whalen

620 Pelham Road 6D

New Rochelle, NY 10805

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From: Jody Walker [jody.walker@simmons.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2006 8:41 AM
To: Monica.DeSai@fcc.gov
Subject: Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

Jody Walker
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Kenneth L. Hill**From:** Wendy Wilson [wendy4him@gmail.com]**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2006 5:21 PM**To:** fccomp@fcc.gov; Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell**Subject:** my right to captioning**FILED/ACCEPTED**
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Dear Chairman and Commisioners,

I am angry, outraged, upset and disappointed at the recent actions taken by the FCC. I have just learned that the FCC has made a decision to grant a large number of captioning exemptions. This was a terrible decision that should not stand. It should be reversed immediately.

It has been ten years now since the closed captioning rules were put in place. That is plenty of time for programmers to find funding and get set up to caption their programs. The decision sets a very bad precedent. They are creating new regulations without a process. This FCC interpretation could have far reaching effects that go well beyond religious programming. The entities who asked for waivers are given consideration while those of use who will be affected are not.

Sincerely,

Wendy L. Wilson
540-226-9644

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From: Carolyn Wilson [cwilson33@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2006 1:18 AM
To: Kevin Martin
Cc: Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Monica
Subject: No more closed captioning exemptions

In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Dear FCC Chairman and Commissioners,

I am writing to tell you that I strongly protest these recent orders issued by CGB—and the hundreds of others--granting exemptions from closed captioning.

I am nearly deaf and rely very heavily on closed captions to help me keep up to date on the information I need to stay involved in my community. Without closed captions, I would forced to return to the isolation that I endured for many years before captioning was required.

These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out the basis for a new exemption, not in keeping with current regulations. It is outrageous that the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use.

Further, the vast bulk of these Orders were issued without public notice or opportunity to comment. For millions of deaf or hard of hearing Americans, captioning is a necessity of life. These Orders will have a detrimental effect upon this population. It is unconscionable that the FCC has shown utmost consideration to organizations asking for waivers while ignoring those of us who will be so severely affected by these exemptions.

Please reconsider immediately! These decisions should be reversed!

Sincerely,

*Carolyn Wilson
6604 Ripple Run
Austin TX 78744*

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Kenneth L. Hill

From: Janice Woodson [dosnanas@joimail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2006 9:00 AM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005, CGB-CC-0007

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As a profoundly hard of hearing person, I am distressed at the possibility of a reduction of closed captioning that may occur as a result of Orders DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 AND CGB-CC-0007 granting exemptions from closed captioning. There remains too many areas where closed captioning is already exempt and creating a new exemption basis which will allow an entity exempt on the basis of cost undermines access to information for 31,500,000 hard of hearing and deaf people. Increasing the potential for limiting access to information seems contrary to the FCC charge and is assigning a significant portion of the population to substandard designation. Please reconsider this decision on behalf of the deaf/hard of hearing community.

Thank you for your attention,

Janice Woodson

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Tijeras, NM 87059

Janice Woodson
dosnanas@joimail.com
EarthLink Revolves Around You.

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Kenneth L. Hill

From: DWells1481@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2006 11:19 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Re: ACTION ALERT: CLOSED CAPTIONING THREATENED!

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In a message dated 9/19/2006 8:06:12 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time, DWells1481 writes:

In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007
Dear FCC Chairman, I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. We are outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!!!!!!!

We do depend on captions in order to understand what is going on, otherwise we will be lost and not be able to know what is happening in the world. Please do not take our education.

Dee Wells
DWells1481@aol.com

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Kenneth L. Hill

From: J MARIE WILBOURN [wilbournjm@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2006 7:20 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: closed captioning

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Dear Ms. Monica DeSai,

I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. I'm totally outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. When it comes to equal rights of every American, money should not be an issue. We have come a long way and if these loopholes are allowed we would be pushing progression back. Closed captioning is very important it help a variety of people in a variety of ways. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

J. Wilbourn

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Kenneth L. Hill

From: David Watkins [DWatkins@ci.south-pasadena.ca.us]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2006 11:07 AM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Closed Captioning

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This decision is an insult to all of us who struggle every day in the so-called "hearing world."

David G. Watkins, AICP
Director of Planning & Building
City of South Pasadena

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From: Juli Wiseman [juliadshop@waycom.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2006 1:53 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Dear Monica,

I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. I am outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning! As a mother of a deaf child, my daughter and thousands of other young and old alike, rely on closed captioning now and in the future. Please do not change the rules on this precious commodity for our hearing impaired community.

Thank you for your time and attention. I appreciate your support with this issue.

Sincerely,

Juli L. Wiseman
mother of Kendall Wiseman (deaf 4-year-old)
2627 Picadilly Dr. SW
Grandville MI 49418

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